

Salem, Saudi officials hold talks

RIYADH (R) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem held talks Saturday with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal on the Lebanese situation, officials said. The officials gave no details of the talks but said Mr. Salem would meet King Fahd later. Mr. Salem came to Saudi Arabia from Damascus, where he said Friday he was acting as a "peace and reconciliation envoy." His talks with Syrian and Saudi leaders were believed to be aimed at resuming stalled Geneva talks between the warring Lebanese factions in the hope of reaching reconciliation in Lebanon. Foreign Ministry sources in Riyadh said Mr. Salem was briefing Saudi officials on his talks in Syria as well as recent discussions in Washington between Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.



Greek official quits over Cyprus

ATHENS (R) — Greek Foreign Under-Secretary Yannis Kapsis has been relieved of his responsibilities for Cyprus affairs after reports of a clash with the Cypriot leadership. Chief government spokesman Dimitris Maroudas said Saturday Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu accepted Mr. Kapsis' request to step down because of the "uproar created as a result of his handling of the Cyprus problem." "This uproar could only cause damage to the national issue," Mr. Kapsis said in a letter addressed to the prime minister. According to press reports Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou demanded the removal of Mr. Kapsis, holding him responsible for a rift between Athens and Nicosia last month.

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9 U.S. servicemen's bodies reach U.S.

DOVER, Delaware (R) — The bodies of eight U.S. Marines and a navy pilot killed in Lebanon last Sunday were returned in the United States Saturday morning. The nine men, members of the international peacekeeping force stationed in Lebanon, were the first U.S. troops to die there since the Oct. 23 bombing that killed 241 Marines. The Marines died during shelling of their base near the Beirut airport and the pilot was shot down over Lebanon's central mountain region.

Zia may recognise Turkish Cypriot state

ISLAMABAD (R) — President Muhammad Zia Ul Haq said Saturday Pakistan was "actively considering" recognising the self-proclaimed Turkish republic of northern Cyprus. He told reporters that Pakistan's sympathies were with Turkey, which is so far the only country to have recognised the republic proclaimed last month by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

Reagan: 1,000 ready for suicide attacks

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan told a closed meeting of his supporters up to 1,000 terrorists, particularly Iranians, were gathered in Lebanon ready to conduct suicide attacks similar to that against U.S. Marines in October, people at the meeting said. Mr. Reagan made the statement when he was speaking to supporters in the Citizens for America Organisation this week.

Turkey to restrict U.S. use of base

ANKARA (R) — Turkey will stop allowing the U.S. to supply its troops in Lebanon through a U.S. base in Turkey if any of the other three nations in the Beirut peace-keeping force pull out, a leading Turkish newspaper reported Saturday. The independent daily Milliyet, usually well-informed, said this was one of a set of conditions laid down in letters between Ankara and Washington on the use of an American base at Incirlik in south-eastern Turkey to ferry supplies to Beirut. Milliyet's report, which was uncorroborated, said a further condition was that no weapons should be included in supplies from Incirlik in Beirut and that transiting personnel should be limited in number to 500 per month.

Andropov gets dialysis machine

BONN (R) — A kidney dialysis machine has been installed for Soviet leader Yuri Andropov in a small room next to his Kremlin office, a West German newspaper said Saturday. Quoting Bonn government sources in an article released ahead of publication, Sunday, the mass circulation Bild said that despite his return to work, Mr. Andropov was not yet completely healthy.

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Israeli blockade, bombardments delay Tripoli evacuation

Arafat stresses importance of joint moves with Jordan

By a Jordan Times staff writer with Agency dispatches

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has emphasised the importance of joint talks with Jordan on co-ordinated political moves in efforts for Middle East peace and expressed readiness to resume the talks which were broken off last April.

Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), told French Television Friday that the PLO should do all it can to resume the dialogue with Jordan, "which has a positive and important role to play to find a solution to the Palestine problem and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Mr. Arafat, who is now besieged by Syrian-backed, Palestinian dissidents in the north Lebanese port city of Tripoli, said: "Following the current crisis we are passing through (the Tripoli siege) I will be looking forward to meeting His Majesty King Hussein for the resumption of the Jordanian-Palestinian talks."

The embattled PLO chairman, whose aides said Saturday that his plans to evacuate Tripoli were delayed by an Israeli blockade and intensified bombardments, also expressed appreciation for the King's support for the legitimate leadership of the PLO.

"I am deeply grateful to King Hussein for his brotherly and generous stand towards the Palestinian people in their ordeal and during the siege of Tripoli," the Palestinian leader, who has been leading the PLO for the past 14 years, said.

The PLO seeks to establish a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East through an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Mr. Arafat told French Television.

Mr. Arafat's renewed call for the resumption of talks with Jordan comes at a most critical stage in the Palestinian movement. The PLO leader has accused Syria of supporting the rebel movement and aiming to control the organisation. Damascus has denied the charges. Last July, it expelled Mr. Arafat after the PLO leader accused the Syrian government of openly supporting the rebels in their attacks against positions held by its supporters in north Lebanon.

Since then, Mr. Arafat reappeared in Tripoli in September and in the face of intensified rebel attacks was forced to leave his last two strongholds in north Lebanon, the Nahr Al Bared and Baddawi refugee camps, and withdraw to Tripoli.

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Hussein, Hamad discuss Arab issues

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday received the visiting Bahraini crown prince, Sheikh Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifeh. Sheikh Hamad conveyed to the King greetings from the emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Petra quoted Sheikh Hamad as saying that he discussed with King Hussein ways to bolster inter-Arab relations, the situation in the

Arabian Gulf region and ways to strengthen Jordanian-Bahraini co-operation and bilateral relations.

Sheikh Hamad said his talks with the King were in the course of inter-Arab consultations, particularly on the situation in the Gulf which calls for an exchange of views in the best interest of the Arab Nation, according to the

news agency.

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Hassan opens Arab Thought Forum talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan opened at the Royal Cultural Centre Saturday an Arab-American-Canadian dialogue.

The two-day dialogue will discuss a number of developments as well as economic, cultural and political issues in the Arab World as well as the situation in Lebanon.

In his opening address Prince Hassan said that the "current deterioration of the situation in the region is due to many political factors and the failure to solve the Palestine issue which has become a menace to world peace and stability."

Jordan, in its drive to promote the efforts for peace, has exerted all efforts on the Arab and international levels and has conducted a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Prince Hassan said.

He also said that the United States has not adopted a firm stand with regard to the Middle East peace process as included in the Reagan initiative. Israel has rejected the Reagan proposal outright and refused to freeze its settlement policy, he pointed out.

The dialogue is organised by the Arab Thought Forum in co-operation with the World Affairs Council offices in Canada and the U.S., as well as similar societies in the United Kingdom, France and Italy. Taking part are several Arab and Jordanian politicians and intellectuals.

King Hussein, who is due to arrive in Paris Monday, is expected to hold talks Tuesday with French President Francois Mitterrand.

Al Ra'i newspaper Saturday quoted informed diplomatic sources in Paris as saying the King's talks in France will cover the possibility of France and its partners in the European Community assuming a bigger role in efforts for Middle East peace.

King Hussein will also address the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Thursday. Al Ra'i added.

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Arafat's men in Tripoli request strong French, Greek naval escort

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat preparing to evacuate Tripoli by sea say they have requested extra French and Greek warships to escort them following an Israeli gunboat attack on their positions.

Preparations for the evacuation of Mr. Arafat's 4,000 guerrillas are continuing, according to a spokesman for the besieged Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader, but the loyalists fear another Israeli assault before they leave.

They also believe the rare sea-borne attack by the Israelis Friday could signal the intention of the Israeli navy to block their departure.

"We have sent a message to the U.N. Security Council on this matter and we have contacted the French and Greek governments about new security measures so that our fighters can leave without any danger," Mr. Arafat's spokesman Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said.

"We asked them to send more warships, not a symbolic force," he added.

Friday's Israeli naval bombardment just outside Tripoli killed three guerrillas and wounded four, Mr. Arafat told reporters, but added that it caused little material damage.

Mr. Abdel-Rahman said he was sure more warships would now be provided, but could not give a number.

He added that France had already agreed to provide a naval escort and Greece to provide a "symbolic" warship.

However, in a move apparently motivated by the Israeli action, Greece Friday night demanded

"explicit" security guarantees from the U.S., French, Italian and British multinational force in Beirut before it would honour its earlier pledge to provide ships to transport the Palestinians.

The 5,800-man Multinational Peacekeeping Force is backed by warships from the U.S. sixth fleet and the French and British navies. There was no immediate indication that the four governments would agree to provide escorts for the Palestinians.

PLO officials said the Israeli attack was a reprisal for a bomb that killed four people and wounded 43 in occupied Jerusalem on Tuesday. Both the pro- and anti-Arafat factions have claimed responsibility for that blast.

Since the blast, Israel has repeatedly refused to rule out a sea-borne attack on the evacuation flotilla.

Mr. Arafat said the Israeli attack was an attempt to land troops near Tripoli. But there was no evidence the Israelis intended more

than a punitive bombardment, or a timely demonstration of Israeli sea power.

Mr. Arafat's men, trapped in Tripoli since early November by Syrian-backed Palestinians opposed to his leadership, are scheduled to leave within 11 days under a ceasefire agreement drafted by Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Abdel-Rahman has said they could sail as early as next Wednesday for Tunis and North Yemen on chartered Greek vessels flying the United Nations flag as symbolic protection.

Shipping sources in Athens said Friday at least two Greek shipping firms had been accepted in the pull-out and three others were awaiting news on their bids.

"Our people will leave when the ships come," Mr. Abdel-Rahman said. "They will take two days to sail here and then we will need another two days for the arrangements."

Iraq repeats warning against foreign ships

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq warned Saturday that its armed forces would sink any foreign ships which tried to approach Iranian ports at the northern end of the Gulf.

The official daily Al-Jumhuriya, in an editorial, said that Iraq forces would sink "ships that ignore the warnings despite their identities or whatever flag they hoist."

Iraq said on Thursday its forces had sunk six "enemy naval targets" in what it considers a war zone at the northern end of the strategic waterway.

The Iraqis said on one day last month they had sunk seven "enemy" vessels in the Gulf. Following that statement, the owners

of a Greek freighter said it had been hit by a missile but there were no reports of damage from any other shipowners.

"Shipowners should not rely on Iraq's patience or pardon," the official paper said. "They should not venture with their ships or gamble with the lives of their crew but respect Iraq's warnings and find new ports for their ships other than Iranian ports and areas other than the war exclusion zone."

"Let everyone know that any ship that ignores Iraq's warnings will be liable for destruction at any time while sailing in the prohibited area and, if it escapes once, it will not escape a second time. No ship is exempt," Al-Jumhuriya said.

Qatar supports PLO

DOHA (R) — Qatar's Emir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani Saturday reiterated his country's support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and called on rival Palestinian factions to adhere to last month's ceasefire agreement in north Lebanon.

Opening a new session of the advisory council — the 30-member appointed parliament — Sheikh Khalifa said: "Qatar stands by the Palestinian people and supports their courageous struggle against the brutal Israeli aggression."

He said Qatar backed the Palestinians "in their efforts to regain their legitimate rights under the leadership of the PLO," particularly their right to self-determination and statehood.

He made no mention in his speech, however, of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who is besieged with 4,000 of his men in the north Lebanon port of Tripoli by Syrian-backed Palestinian rebels.

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U.S. Mideast policy implications discussed

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Three specialists on the Middle East participated during the past week in the first of a series of discussions to be held over the next year by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) on developing new approaches to American diplomacy in the region.

The project's purpose was described by Robert Pranger, AEI resident scholar and director of international programmes. He said that "American foreign policy must somehow enrich itself in its understanding and its influence of trends within the Middle East." His comments came at AEI's annual "public policy week" which this year marked the institute's 40th anniversary.

Former Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders and Judith Kipper, an AEI senior fellow, organised the project.

A trio of speakers discussed relations between the United States and the Middle East. Each speaker was asked to talk about long-term implications for U.S. Mideast policy and the foreign policies of regional states rather than expressing opinions on current issues.

A comprehensive negotiated "freeze" on the transfer of new

and more sophisticated arms to the Middle East was proposed by Anthony Cordesman, international policy editor of the armed forces journal International. The "freeze," he said, should be an immediate priority to help lessen tensions in the region and to reduce the burden of an expensive "arms race." He estimated that arms purchases cost Middle East states \$50,000 million annually.

Mr. Cordesman felt that a "freeze on the transfer of new arms," to Syria and Israel and controls on arms transfers to Egypt and Jordan to "keep the numbers reasonable" could be acceptable to the parties involved.

A freeze on the employment of "large scale new systems would keep" Israel and Syria "strong, enough and... be a way of saving money," Mr. Cordesman said.

However, Mr. Cordesman said Egypt needs a reasonably modern military force in the future.

Dr. Hanna Batatu, research professor in Arab studies at Georgetown University, looked at the structure of many Mideast societies and contrasted them with what he called "the foreign policy of regimes" rather than nation-

8 Iranian communists could face execution

TEHRAN (R) — Eight men charged with belonging to the secret military wing of the banned Tudeh Communist Party and with aiming to overthrow the Islamic Republic went on trial in Iran Saturday.

The session was the third in a series of hearings against alleged Tudeh members which began last Tuesday with the presentation of the case against former Iranian Navy commander Bahrām Afzali.

Tehran Radio did not say what penalties the eight could face. But Capt. Afzali is charged with the same offences and the prosecutor in the revolutionary court of the armed forces has asked for the death penalty for him.

The radio named the eight as: Mohammed Moazzaz, a civilian, alleged to have headed part of the secret military wing, and seven armed forces officers: Col. Rahim Sadeqzadeh, Col. Seyyed Mahmoud Mofidi, Col. Hassan Azarfard, Col. Mohammed Amin Moqaddasi, Col. Abolghasem Afzali, Col. Khayrolah Iran-Nejad, and Capt. Rahim Shamsi.

All were arrested between April 30 and May 9 this year, the radio said. Neither it nor the afternoon newspapers gave any further details of the court session.

The Iranian authorities moved against the Tudeh Party in February, arresting its leaders and putting several of them on television to confess to spying for the Soviet Union. In May, the government outlawed the party and expelled its Soviet diplomats.

The Tudeh declared support for the Islamic revolution which over-

threw the shah in 1979. It survived when other leftist and secular groups broke with the followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and were eliminated from politics.

But a conflict long seemed likely between the communists, with their open sympathy for the Soviet Union, and the Muslim Fundamentalists, who want independence from the superpowers.

The morning newspaper Azadegan, which generally reflects radical views, said in an editorial Saturday that the authorities should be cautious in listening to pleas for forgiveness from the Tudeh members.

In Moscow, the official Soviet daily Pravda printed an Iranian Communist Party statement Saturday denouncing the trial in Tehran of Tudeh members accused of spying for Moscow.

Pravda said the statement had been made by Tudeh's central committee but did not say where the committee was.

The statement said Tudeh considered the trial, which began on Dec. 6, a heinous scheme, illegal and devoid of any juridical force.

5 killed in Cairo train collision

CAIRO (R) — At least five people were killed and 60 injured when two passenger trains collided Saturday near Qaha, 20 kilometres north of Cairo, police said. There were fears the death toll might rise, they added.

'Few in U.S. want Marines in Beirut'

WASHINGTON (R) — Support for the deployment of American Marines in Beirut is eroding as casualties mount but moves to withdraw them are unlikely to start this year, several lawmakers have said.

After a private briefing by State and Defence Department officials, Dante Fascell, acting chairman of the House of Representatives' foreign affairs committee, said he did not expect House and Senate leaders to call Congress back into session and would not recommend it.

The briefing for about 40 house members was to discuss last week-

end's U.S. air strikes against Syrian targets in Lebanon.

Mr. Fascell said: "The administration has repeated to us that it doesn't want to go to war with Syria. It has no desire to widen the conflict in any sense."

But several congressmen at the meeting later strongly criticised the deployment of 1,800 U.S. Marines in Beirut. Democrat Sonny Montgomery called it "one of the worst missions ever assigned an American military force."

Democrat Byron Dorgan said Mr. Reagan's policy in the region "moves us dangerously closer to

war... members of Congress will turn away from this foreign policy early next year."

Democrat William Alexander, describing Beirut "as a war we cannot win," said there was a growing sense of frustration and erosion of support not only in Congress but also among the American public for keeping the Marines in Lebanon.

Meanwhile the U.S. Defence Department, searching for ways to lessen the vulnerability of American Marines in Beirut, is considering reducing the number of men on the ground in the city, defence officials said Friday.

The joint chiefs of staff are weighing a number of possible moves to redeploy Marines from Beirut airport, which is easily hit by Druze militiamen.

These include moving Marine headquarters to another location away from the factional warring in Beirut or to ships at sea, the officials said. If based on ships, Marine units would be rotated ashore for patrol duties at the airport.

Defence officials said the Marines were there as a peacekeeping force and, despite concern for their safety, needed to be visible if they were to carry out their mission.

U.S. hopes for safe evacuation of PLO; condemns West Bank killing

WASHINGTON (USIA) — State Department deputy spokesman Alan Romberg said he was not able to confirm reports that Israeli forces had shelled Palestinian positions around the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli.

"We hope that plans to evacuate the PLO from Tripoli will proceed unimpeded in order to resolve expeditiously a situation that has already led to many civilian casualties," Mr. Romberg said Friday.

The evacuation of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat and forces loyal to him is to be carried out under the auspices of the United Nations flag.

Mr. Romberg pointed out that the United States had supported last weekend's statement by U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who said the evacuation would be carried out under the U.N. flag "on purely humanitarian grounds to facilitate the resolution of a situation which has already cost many innocent lives and created great destruction."

The deputy spokesman recalled that U.S. concern over the question of civilian casualties in Tripoli has been expressed many

times in the past and the United States hopes the evacuation will now proceed and "the infliction of civilian casualties will come to an end."

Mr. Romberg noted that Secretary of State George Shultz, in comments to reporters in Brussels, indicated that the evacuation of Mr. Arafat seemed to be the best solution to the problem.

Captured U.S. pilot

Speaking about the U.S. pilot now in Syrian hands, Mr. Romberg said the United States was gratified that representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had been able to obtain access to U.S. Navy Lt. Robert Goodman. He was captured in Syrian-controlled territory in Lebanon after his navy jet was shot down on Dec. 4.

"The ICRC informed of their visit," Mr. Romberg said. "But I don't have any details because ICRC interviews with prisoners

are confidential."

Ties with Egypt

Mr. Romberg reiterated the Reagan administration's belief that good relations between Israel and Egypt are important. But he declined comment on reports that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has suggested in a press interview that he may hold a referendum on the question of whether Egypt's ambassador should return to Israel. The ambassador was withdrawn following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982.

"Our attitude on the importance of good Egyptian-Israeli relations is quite well known," Mr. Romberg said. "Where there have been problems in the relationship, we have expressed our sincere hope that they could be resolved to their mutual satisfaction as quickly as possible."

When one reporter suggested that an Egyptian referendum

would preclude Cairo from returning its ambassador to Israel, Mr. Romberg responded simply by saying he would not "prejudge results of a process going on either in this country or another one."

He said he was not prepared to get into the specifics of questions being posed, pointing out: "I have said that we believe that good relations between Israel and Egypt are important."

Mr. Romberg hailed as "extremely positive and potentially significant" a statement by prominent moderate Palestinians who have condemned the Dec. 6 bombing of a Jerusalem city bus that killed four Israelis and injured 43.

The statement which appeared in Al-Fajr, an east Jerusalem Arabic daily newspaper with strong ties to the main Fatah faction of the PLO headed by Mr. Arafat, expressed the belief that "attacks on civilian targets are detrimental to any Palestinian-Israeli understanding."

"We view it as extremely pos-

itive and potentially significant," Mr. Romberg said of the statement. "We hope it will contribute to an atmosphere in which peace negotiations can eventually take place."

West Bank killing

Mr. Romberg also said the United States hopes that "the appropriate authorities will conduct a thorough investigation" of a Dec. 8 incident in which an 11-year-old Palestinian girl was fatally shot in the city of Nablus in the occupied West Bank.

The girl reportedly was shot by an unidentified man firing a sub-machinegun from a passing car. Her sister was seriously wounded.

"We very much regret this tragic event and the context of tension and confrontation surrounding it," Mr. Romberg said. "We hope that the appropriate authorities will conduct a thorough investigation of the incident and that both sides will take steps to improve the atmosphere."

TV & RADIO

JORDAN TELEVISION	23:00 Evening Show
24:00 News Headlines	
MAIN CHANNEL	
16:30 Koran	
17:10 Children's Programmes	
18:35 Survival	
19:00 Local Programme	
19:30 A Special Programme on the UNICEF in Jordan	
20:00 News in Arabic	
20:30 Local Series	
21:30 Soccer - World Club Championship: Hamburg (W. Germany) vs. Gremio (Brazil)	
22:10 Arabic Series	
23:10 News Summary	
FOREIGN CHANNEL	
18:00 French Programme	
19:00 News in French	
19:30 News in Hebrew	
20:00 Yes Minister	
21:10 Towards 2000	
21:10 The Citadel - Episode 9	
22:15 Best Seller: Thorn Birds - Episode 5	
RADIO JORDAN	
835 KHz AM & 99 MHz FM & parity on 95.60 KHz SW	
07:00 Morning Show	
07:30 News Bulletin	
08:00 News Summary	
08:30 News Summary	
09:00 Pop Session	
09:30 News Summary	
10:00 Catch the Words	
10:30 News Bulletin	
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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS	FILM
10:00 Messieurs Les Ronds De Cuir at the French Cultural Centre at 7:30 p.m.	
EXHIBITIONS	
* Orientalist paintings, at the Alla Art Gallery.	
* "Arabian And African Scenes," a photographic exhibition, at the International Hotel.	
CULTURAL CENTRES	
Royal Cultural Centre Tel. 6610267	
American Centre 44371	
British Council 361478	
French Cultural Centre 37009	
Goethe Institute 41993	
Soviet Cultural Centre 44203	
Spanish Cultural Centre 24049	
Turkish Cultural Centre 39777	
Haya Arts Centre 665195	
Hassan Youth City 667181	
Y.W.C.A. 41793	
Y.M.W.A. 664251	
Amman Municipal Library 36111	
University of Jordan Library 843555	
MUSEUMS	
Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 1000 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 10th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.	
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquity of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.	
Jordan National Galleries: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Lubdah. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 50128.	
CHURCHES	
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.	
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lubdah, 37440.	
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Husein, 661757.	
Church of the Ascension (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, 52541.	
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 41559.	
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 75261.	
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 75261.	
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 71751.	
Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, 663249.	
PRAYER TIMES	
04:59 Fair	
06:26 Sunrise	
11:29 Dhul	
14:14 Asr	
16:21 Maghreb	
17:59 Isia	

FOR THE TRAVELLER

AMMAN AIRPORT	ARRIVALS
This information is supplied by Alta Information department at the Queen Alia International Airport, Tel. 1081 53250, 53070, 53082, 53171, where it should always be verified.	
07:30 Cairo (EA)	
08:05 Agaba (RJ)	
09:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)	
09:30 Damascus (RJ)	
09:30 Jeddah (RJ)	
09:45 Doha, Kuwait (RJ)	
09:45 Riyadh (SV)	
10:40 Tripoli, Lebanon (LA)	
10:40 Kuwait (KAC)	
10:40 Jeddah (SV)	
10:40 Cairo (RJ)	
10:40 Baghdad (IA)	
10:40 Brussels, Frankfurt (RJ)	
11:15 New York, Vienna (RJ)	
11:30 London, Paris (RJ)	
11:40 Paris, Damascus (AF)	
11:40 Madrid, Rome (RJ)	
11:40 Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)	
11:40 Zurich, Damascus (SR)	
12:00 Cairo (EA)	
12:00 Athens (BA)	
12:00 London (BA)	
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08:30 Cairo (RJ)	
08:45 Baghdad (RJ)	
01:05 Cairo (EA)	
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06:45 Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)	
07:00 Agaba (RJ)	
07:40 Damascus, Paris (AF)	
08:00 Kuwait (KAC)	
08:30 Riyadh (SV)	
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11:30 Jeddah (RJ)	
11:30 Bahrain, Doha (RJ)	
11:45 Damascus (RJ)	

MONEY EXCHANGE

Local sell/buy rates in JLD
1/100 Belgian franc 66.67
Dutch guilder 120.21
1/100 Egyptian pound 330.33
French franc 44.61
Irish pound 368.37
Italian lire (for 100) 22.44
Japanese yen (for 100) 157.57
1/100 Kuwaiti dinar 127.11
Lebanese lira 68.37
Omani rial 107.61
Qatari riyal 101.87
Saudi riyal 106.97
Swedish crown 46.31
Swiss franc 168.16
Tunisian dinar 57.53
UAE dirham 101.21
U.K. sterling pound 534.41
U.S. dollar 372.37
W. German mark 135.51

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

It will be fair, with around annual average temperature, and low clouds will be there. Winds will be from the west to moderate to fresh. In Agaba, it will be dusty, with northerly fresh winds and calm seas.

Low-high temperature in deg.C

Amman	7/17
Agaba	12/23
Desert	6/19
Jordan Valley	11/22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Agaba 24. Humidity readings

RSS hosts conference on solar energy uses

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-day seminar on the use of solar energy opened at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Saturday.

The seminar's coordinator, Malek Al Kabarti, said that the seminar was convened in the light of a report issued by Jordanian energy specialists on the exploitation of solar energy for generating electric power by the use of solar ponds.

Following the report, a RSS team was dispatched to the United States to look into the most modern techniques in this field with a view to benefiting from them in Jordan, Mr. Kabarti said.

During the team's visit, agree-

ment was reached that a team from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) would visit Jordan to take part in the current seminar to discuss the Jordanian specialists' report and to expound the U.S. experiment in the field of solar energy.

Addressing the opening session was the director of the RSS administrative department, Jamal Budur, who spoke about the RSS services and its contribution to developing the scientific, economic, trade and industrial sectors in Jordan and Arab countries as a whole. Mr. Budur also outlined the RSS's programmes and activities.

Irbid hospital to receive kidney dialysis machine

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The Health Ministry plans to install a hemo-dialysis unit for the treatment of kidney patients in the Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid, according to a ministry spokesman.

The spokesman, Dr. Tawfik Lobani, told the Jordan Times that the ministry has already announced a tender for building an annex at the hospital to house the new unit and its various equi-

ment. The equipment has now arrived and the unit is expected to be operational in the coming two months, according to Dr. Lobani. He went on to say that last week a similar unit was opened at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman.

He said kidney patients undergo three to four hour treatment sessions during which their blood impurities are removed.

Altogether seven to eight patients can be accommodated in a single session at the Bashir unit, Dr. Lobani added.

Majali opens art show

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan President, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, Saturday opened at the university library a plastic art and Arabic calligraphy exhibition.

The week long exhibition includes 99 exhibits many of which were done by university students. The exhibition is aimed at high-

lighting students' work and activity, encouraging them to develop their artistic skills, and training them in Arabic calligraphy. The opening ceremony was attended by the university deputy president for medical affairs, deans of faculty and a number of university students and employees.



Her Majesty Queen Noor Saturday opens the Al Rajaa' Rehabilitation Centre for the hearing-impaired at Yajouz near Zarqa (Petra photo)

Noor inaugurates centre for deaf

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened at Yajouz near Zarqa Saturday Al Rajaa' Rehabilitation Centre for the Hearing-Impaired.

Addressing the ceremony was Princess Basma, chairperson of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF) board of trustees, who welcomed the Queen and outlined the fund's achievements in social affairs.

"This centre is one of many the QAJWF has opened in Jordanian cities and rural regions and the basis to offer basic services to various sectors of the population," Princess Basma said.

In its endeavours to open these centres, the QAJWF has been relying on contributions from the Jordanian public and from Arab countries, Princess Basma said.

In particular she expressed her appreciation to Qatar for its generous contribution that made it possible for the establishment of the new centre.

The QAJWF plans to establish several other social centres which will be operated by charitable societies in Jordan, Princess Basma declared.

Princess Basma also expressed her appreciation to various public

and private institutions which contributed to the establishment of such centres for the handicapped in Jordan.

The president of the Queen Alia Society for the Hearing-Impaired, Dr. Hassan Badran, also spoke at the ceremony underlining the importance of caring for handicapped children.

The society is to operate the new centre, he added.

The centre, set up on a nine dunum piece of land, comprises a school, a medical clinic, a rehabilitation unit and having quarters for 56 handicapped children that are offered training in seven separate classes.

The opening ceremony was attended by the ministers of edu-

cation, industry and trade and the charge d'affaires of the Qatari embassy along with several Arab and foreign ambassadors and officials.

Following the ceremony, QAJWF trustee board member Dr. Zaki Al Ayyoubi said that the project cost JD 207,000.

According to Dr. Ayyoubi, a survey conducted by the QAJWF in 1979 revealed the presence of 5,000 deaf people in Jordan and this figure has now risen to almost 6,000 over the past few years.

Also a QAJWF study on the reasons behind their handicap said that it was primarily hereditary which was mainly due to marriages among blood relatives, Dr. Ayyoubi said.

East German minister arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — East German Foreign Trade Minister Gerhard Beil arrived here Saturday at the head of an economic delegation for a three-day visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the minister will discuss with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour and other Jordanian officials ways of promoting cooperation between

East Germany and Jordan in the industrial and economic fields.

The delegation is expected to sign an agreement on bilateral cooperation with Jordan during the visit.

The delegation members were met at the airport by Mr. Asfour and other officials.

NCC finance body seeks subsidies, deficit reduction

By Lamis K. Andoni
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The National Consultative Council (NCC) Financial and Administrative Committee has called on the government to shift its priorities from supporting fuel and supply goods to decreasing the deficit in the JD 776.7 million 1984 draft budget.

The 1984 draft budget, which was presented by the government two weeks ago, listed the subsidy of fuel, energy and some basic foodstuffs as one of its major objectives.

A report prepared by the NCC Financial and Administrative Committee this week, which supported all of the objectives of the budget, questioned the feasibility of this support.

The draft budget has assigned an JD 18 million subsidy for fuel and a JD 12 million subsidy for wheat.

The report, which will be presented Sunday to an extraordinary session of the NCC for discussion, called for the confinement of the subsidy to fuels "that are consumed by the lower strata" and to the "price of wheat produced locally".

It suggested an amendment in the rate of the price index of supply commodities, oil by-products and the electricity charges in a way that the treasury will not make a loss.

The resulting difference between the estimated subsidies in the draft budget and the actual subsidies as suggested by the committee should be allocated to development projects or used to reduce the overall deficit, it said.

A cut in subsidies, however, might result in higher fuel and

commodity prices, though the committee report is more concerned with decreasing the deficit and reducing the need for the government to resort to local or international borrowing.

The estimated JD 17.7 million deficit in next year's budget is not high compared to many other states, not is it compared to this year's JD 33.7 estimated compared deficit.

Yet the committee's report pointed out that each year the actual deficit turns out to be much more than the estimated deficit.

Moreover, Jordan's accumulated deficit now amounts to about JD 600 million. The committee recommended that the government work hard to decrease next year's as well as the accumulated deficit.

To cover the deficit, Jordan has been forced this year to borrow on commercial terms. Most of this borrowing, the report pointed out, was from foreign sources. Jordan's foreign debt has risen from JD 517 million in 1981 to JD 602 million in 1982 to JD 728 million in 1983.

But the committee recommended the government to steer clear of commercial loans for non-development reasons.

The 1984 draft budget, which was presented to the council two weeks ago, stated as one of its main objectives to raise the local

sources of revenues.

Local revenues in the draft budget were estimated at JD 449 million compared to a reestimated 1983 figure of JD 396 million.

The report noted with appreciation the rise in local revenues. But since taxes and fees constitute the bulk of Jordan's local revenues, the committee observed that the citizen's tax burden in relation to national income is also rising.

Thus, it called on the government not to introduce new or increase present taxes. It suggested instead a broadening of the base of those who are taxed.

In general, the committee's report on the budget is cautious. It disagreed with "the optimism" expressed by Finance Minister Salem Massadeh that "despite the world recession, Jordan would be able to ride the crises".

Jordan, according to the committee, is still facing an economic crisis which is reflected in the low revenue being allocated to agriculture, a fall in the profits of industrial projects, a weakening of commercial exchange and the continuing depression of stock prices on the Amman Financial Market.

To activate the Jordanian economy, the committee called on the government "to create a suitable atmosphere to encourage individual investment and to reward producers."

The committee, however, did not introduce any major amendments to the draft budget and recommended to that the NCC approve it as it is.

The draft budget for 1984 will be discussed by the council Sunday for approval.

Arafat stresses importance of joint moves

(Continued from page 1)

A so-called co-ordination committee returned from Damascus Saturday with the draft of a final withdrawal agreement. The committee met with Tripoli's top Muslim politician Rashid Karami who is negotiating the withdrawal between Mr. Arafat and rebel leaders.

The draft has yet to be approved by Mr. Arafat.

Senior aides in Paris

Meanwhile in Paris, two senior aides of Mr. Arafat were reported to be consulting French officials to try to arrange the evacuation of Mr. Arafat and his men from Lebanon.

The PLO Paris bureau said Farouk Kaddoumi and Khaled Al Hassan had begun a series of contacts with French officials. It refused further comment.

Mr. Kaddoumi, the PLO's chief foreign affairs spokesman, arrived in Paris Friday night from New York. Mr. Hassan, another senior member of Mr. Arafat's Fatah wing, the mainstream PLO organisation, flew in Saturday morning from Riyadh.

A French External Relations Ministry spokesman said Saturday only that Mr. Kaddoumi and Mr. Hassan were in Paris on a private visit and no official contacts had been planned.

French officials refused comment on France's possible role in

Mr. Arafat's departure from Tripoli.

France has said it supported a plan to evacuate Mr. Arafat and his men aboard Greek ships but has maintained reserve on its own efforts since the PLO claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on a bus in Jerusalem this week in which four Israelis died.

'Attack was a mistake'

Mr. Abdulrahman was quoted Saturday by Israel Radio as saying that the attack on the bus in Jerusalem on Tuesday was a mistake. The resistance group assigned the task of the attack was to have planted a bomb in a military vehicle and not in a civilian bus, the radio quoted him as saying.

UNESCO firm on protecting occupied territories

By Affah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), in its 22nd conference which was concluded on Nov. 26, reaffirmed its previous recommendations to protect the Arab cultural institutions and universities inside and outside the occupied territories as well as to preserve the Islamic and Arab cultural heritage in Jerusalem. This was revealed Saturday by Minister of Education Said Al Tal.

At a meeting with the press, Dr. Tal, who was elected unanimously as president of the conference which started Oct. 25, said that UNESCO underlined the importance of protecting Palestinian institutions and culture against the arbitrary measures implemented by the Israeli authorities.

He added that the conference also assured that the cultural heritage and the historical character of Jerusalem should be preserved. "The cultural heritage in Jerusalem is important for all nations and humanity, and hence any attempts to change its character should be halted," he said.

In respect to Jordan's role in the conference, Dr. Tal said that Jordan, the Arabs, and himself personally were accorded the honour of presiding over an international meeting.

He added that the high honour given to Jordan by the member

states is "due to our good reputation as having a clear and moderate policy under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein."

Dr. Tal pointed out that Jordan is the first Arab country to hold the presidency at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

"Lebanon held the presidency and was represented by the late Hamid Frangieh in 1948 when it was held in Beirut, it being the UNESCO tradition to give the presidency to the host country."

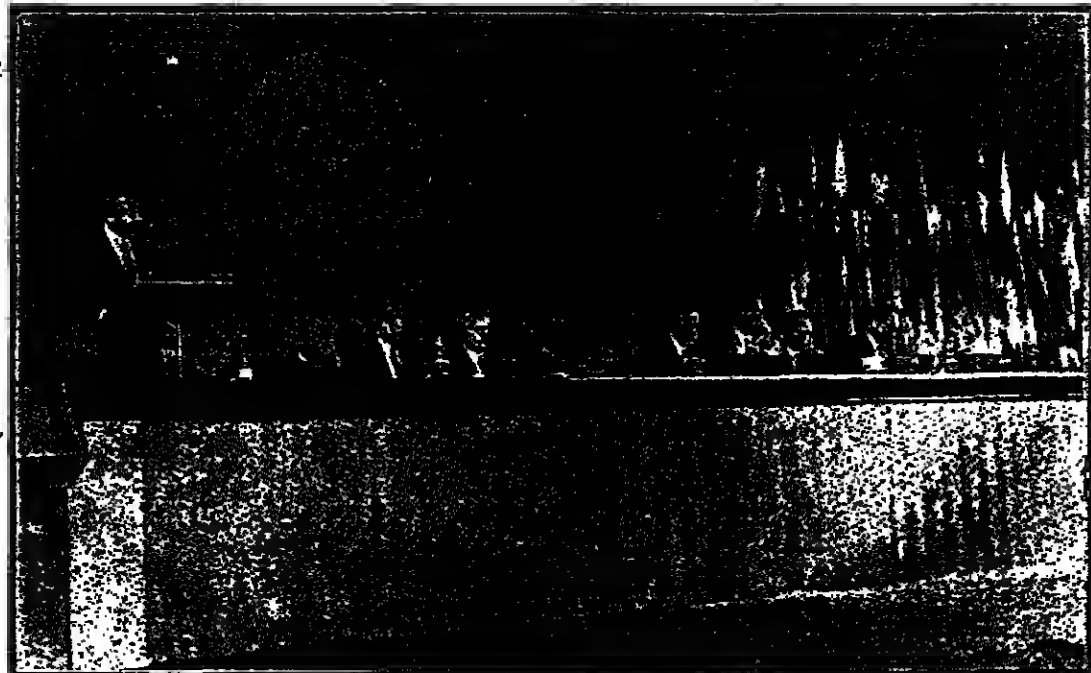
Referring to Crown Prince Hassan's lecture delivered at the conference, Dr. Tal said that it drew enthusiastic appreciation.

"We take pride in the praise because it came from an elite of intellectuals representing their countries at this world body."

Dr. Tal pointed out that UNESCO encompasses five groups namely the European countries, the Socialist bloc, Latin America, the Asian countries, and the Afro-Arab countries between which the presidency rotates biennially depending on elections and the person elected.

Dr. Tal pointed out that Jordan's status in the conference gave it the opportunity to get acquainted with a large number of intellectuals in various fields and to "discuss related issues and ways of promoting bilateral relations."

Referring to the Arab group at the conference, Dr. Tal said that they were very cooperative and the Arab differences did not surface at the conference.



Minister of Education Said Al Tal (fourth from the right) sits on the platform of the conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO) in his capacity as the present president.

"They were all concerned in its success for it was presided over by an Arab," he added.

Dr. Tal pointed out that, although UNESCO was established to advance the common welfare of mankind through world-wide scientific, educational and cultural relations, nowadays it has become a platform on which the various political schools discuss issues. It has also entered the in-

formation media and economic fields for "UNESCO is discussing now the new economic policy."

He said that UNESCO, unlike other international political organisations, discusses politics in an objective manner based on intellectual thoughts.

"In my opinion, all issues of mankind are interrelated and cannot be separated from one another, for educational, scientific and cultural problems are related to politics," he said.

Regarding media in the world, Dr. Tal said that one of the five committees handling various matters at the conference discussed the communications as well as information and media system in the world.

Dr. Tal pointed out that the advanced countries possess very effective information media which

reflects a biased view of world affairs, while developing countries lack such techniques.

Therefore, Dr. Tal said, a new view of information media was raised so as to make news objective and accurate.

Assessing the results of the conference, Dr. Tal said that it had been a very successful one for all delegations came with the aim of making it a success.

"Although there were differences in points of views on certain matters, they were all thrashed out so as to meet at a consensus point: the spirit of cooperation dominated the atmosphere of the conference."

Dr. Tal added that all the observers and delegation heads maintained that the success of the conference had far exceeded that of the previous ones.

Behind the BBC Arabic Service

By Affah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Arabic Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) now only transmits for nine hours a day instead of 12 because the British parliament, which finances the service, decided to decrease the duration of its transmission, according to the assistant head of the BBC Arab Service, Amin Abdel Hafiz.

Speaking in an interview with the Jordan Times during a recent tour of the region, Mr. Abdel Hafiz pointed out that the external service, which includes the Arabic Service, is not financed by revenue raised by the organisation, as are the rest of the BBC's activities, but is subject to parliamentary control.

However, he went on to say, parliament has no control over the editorial content of the service. Talking about the Arabic Service, he said that there are 40 Arab employees filling the posts of translators, broadcasters, and producers of certain programmes in addition to journalists, technicians and administrators.

This makes the total of British and Arab employees in the BBC Arabic Service around 100.

Mr. Abdel Hafiz, in describing the organisation of the service, said that it is divided into six departments, namely audience research, current affairs, music and drama, culture, magazine and features, and the news department.

Regarding the news broadcast in Arabic, he pointed out that the only responsibility of the BBC Arabic news service is to translate the news and choose the news items most suitable for a certain duration in the news bulletin.

"It [Arabic news service] does not edit the news for there is one common news room for the whole external service which handles all the news and distributes it to the 37 different language services."

Mr. Abdel Hafiz has worked in the BBC for 24 years where he has occupied a variety of posts. He is the first Arab to reach such a senior position which he has held since 1978.

The aim of his trip to the region, he said was to acquaint himself

with the current situation in the Arab World as "one of the BBC's policies is to keep in touch with senior officials and journalists in the countries to which we broadcast."

Asked if the newly appointed BBC chairman of the board of governors, who is a Jew, has any influence over the news policy, Mr. Abdel Hafiz stressed that the board of governors is not an executive body.

"Policy execution is the duty of BBC Director-General Alastair Milne and the board of directors," he said.

Explaining the duties of the board of governors, he said that it consists of 12 academics and professional people elected for five years who meet once a month to review issues related to parliament.

"They discussed general matters, which are not related to daily programmes at all," he said.

He added that Mr. Young has no influence over the policy of the BBC because "it is not within his competence according to the BBC charter."

REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

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SPORTS

Navratilova captures her 2nd Australian Open

MELBOURNE (R) — World number one Martina Navratilova, who captured her second Australian Tennis Open title here on Saturday, moved one step closer to the 'Grand Slam' with the nagging fear of defeat uppermost in her mind.

The Czechoslovak-born American admitted after her 6-2, 7-6 victory over compatriot Kathy Jordan in the 77-minute women's final that she had played tentatively. "I was just trying not to lose."

Her unaccustomed hesitancy was evident as Jordan, 24, staged a second-set fightback and saved six match points before surrendering the match in the tiebreaker.

Only the French Open title now stands between Navratilova, who already has Wimbledon and the U.S. Open under her belt, and the million-dollar bonus of the rare 'Grand Slam' triumph.

Chinks in the 27-year-old left-hander's armour had showed earlier in the tournament when she lost a set for the first time in four months to Britain's Jo Durie in their quarter-final.

She said her record this year of only one defeat in 87 matches had proved a problem on Saturday, with the prospect of a second loss to round off the year away in her mind.

"I thought I'd come so close I don't want to blow it now," she said.

Navratilova gave some of the credit for her win to the calming influence of her close friend Nancy Lieberman who flew out from the United States earlier this

week. "She knows me really well emotionally and was able to say just the right things to make me relax and go after it, and she really helped me during the match," she said.

"But I just didn't go out there and go after it," she added.

Although she stormed through the first set in just 27 minutes, Navratilova conceded she was playing much as she had when she lost to American Kathy Horvath in the 1983 French Open.

"I was just keeping the ball in play and I was mad that I was in that situation. I was tentative."

"I was just trying not to lose — I have done that before and just barely squeezed the matches and I lost to Horvath because I was playing not to lose."

After a nervous first set, ninth-seeded Jordan looked more determined and relaxed in the second, going into a surprise 3-1 lead after breaking serve in the third game.

"I have a way of making it tighter than it needs to be," Navratilova said. "Had it been a third set then it would have been gut-wrenching. At 3-1 in the second set I was saying to myself 'I had better break early before it is too late.'"

Navratilova, champion here in

1981 but losing finalist to compatriot Chris Lloyd last year, must win her next two tournaments in Washington and Oakland, California, to break Lloyd's 10-year-old record of 56 straight wins.

Jordan, also runner-up to Durie in the New South Wales Open two weeks ago, said later all the players got "psyched out" by how much was written about Navratilova's talents.

"I think she is human like the rest of us and makes quite a few mistakes, but after all you hear about her you don't expect any mistakes and you put more pressure on yourself to play well," she said.

"But I don't think she has any glaring weaknesses or anything and you have to play really well to beat her. She is a great player," she added.

Meanwhile, Australia's Davis Cup hopes, flagging after Sweden Mats Wilander beat John McEnroe to reach Sunday's men's final against Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, received a boost on Saturday.

Jordan to develop policy for youth, sports

By Salameh Ne'matt
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan will be participating in the activities of the International Year for Youth. The United Nations have declared 1985 as the International Year for Youth, Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar, Minister of Culture and Youth said Saturday in an interview with the Jordan Times.

The Jordan National Committee for the International Year of Youth has been already formed with Mr. Abu Nowar as president. Mr. Peter Salah, Under-Secretary Ministry of Information, Dr. Mahmoud Mammer representative for the University of Jordan and the Forum Humann, Dr. Ahmad Sarah representing the Ministry of Health, Mr. Tayseer Arafah from the Ministry of Education, Dr. Ali Mahafiah President of Mo'tah University Dr. Abdullah Muwafi from the Yarmouk University, Mr. Mohammad Abu Tayyeb Director Youth Welfare Organisation and Mr. Akram Masarawi as Secretary-General of the committee.

Mr. Abu Nowar said that the committee will start its meetings and workshops early next year to study programmes and to survey the assets and capabilities of youth in Jordan. The committee, he said, will be working to develop a Jordanian policy for youth and sports in the Kingdom.

The Jordan National Olympic Committee (NOC) board of directors chaired by Mr. Abu Nowar will also meet Sunday at the Hussein Sports City to discuss Jordan's participation in the 23rd Los Angeles Olympics next year. Attending the meeting will be members of the board and presidents of the various sports federations in Jordan.

The general secretary of the NOC gave information on the estimated costs of Jordan's participation in the Los Angeles games amounting to JD 80,000 for the 50 Jordanian delegations.

The committee said that the costs can be reduced by JD 58,000 if the number of the delegation was reduced to 30 members.

Dev rescues India after winning toss

CALCUTTA, India (R) — India's captain Kapil Dev had to come to his side's rescue after he won the toss and chose to bat at the start of the fifth cricket test against the West Indies here on Saturday.

Malcolm Marshall removed Sunil Gavaskar with the very first ball of the match and in mid-afternoon, India were 63 for six. But Kapil Dev, with a spirited but slightly fortunate 69, led a revival

that saw India reach 231 for eight at the close. Roger Binny (44) and Syed Kirmani (42 not out) helped their captain in restoring India's fortunes.

Kapil Dev was dropped twice, at five and 48. First Viv Richards put him down at second slip off Winston Davis and then Marshall fumbled a chance at mid-off off Michael Holding.

Marshall was in devastating form at the start of the Indian innings, taking his three wickets in an opening nine-over spell. Holding also turned in a magnificent performance on a slow pitch and both pacemen finished the day with three for 59 runs.

Marshall's early burst reduced India to 13 for three. Gavaskar was caught behind from a ball that

lifted and brushed his glove and the other opener, Anshuman Gaekwad, was yorked. Mohinder Amarnath, returning to the side after missing the third and fourth tests, was a little unlucky being caught and bowled off a ball which stopped.

It was the third time in consecutive innings in this series that Amarnath has been dismissed without scoring.

Dilip Vengasarkar and Ashok Malhotra held up the West Indians for 50 minutes while they put on 28 for the fourth wicket. Vengasarkar batted confidently for 23.

After lunch India lost two wickets with the score at 63. Ravi Shastri was yorked by Holding and Malhotra, aiming to work a ball from Davis on the leg side, was caught at cover off a leading edge.

Coventry rips apart Liverpool

LONDON (R) — Unfashionable Coventry, rebuilt during the close season by a little-known manager with a crop of lower-division rejects, ripped apart league leaders Liverpool 4-0 on Saturday to extend one of English soccer's more unlikely records.

The champions, seeking their 15th league crown have not won at Coventry for 11 years — and failed to score in nine of those visits.

The result eased Coventry into fourth place in the table, and sliced Liverpool's lead from four points to one.

West Ham, 3-1 winners over London neighbours Arsenal, and Manchester United, 2-0 victors at Ipswich, stay locked together on 33 points behind the champions.

Coventry's unlikely hero was Terry Gibson, who nerved a hat-trick. The former Tottenham striker, one of nine players to join Coventry in the close season, struck in the 19th, 45th and 74th minutes after his side had raced into a 3-0 half-time lead.

Earlier, Micky Plattauer stunned the champions when he swooped to head Coventry in front after just 45 seconds following a mistake by Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar. After that Coventry did not look back.

back after two matches to boost their attack, had no answer to the all-out assault. They almost staged a comeback.

Liverpool, unbeaten since October 1 and with Kenny Dalglish mired the flow of goals after the interval but Irish international Mark Lawrenson, England's Phil Neal and captain Graham Soules were all booked.

There was no relief for much-troubled Arsenal, who suffered their fourth successive defeat.

Arsenal had John Kay sent off along with West Ham's David Swindlehurst for fighting in the 35th minute — just two minutes after England midfielder Trevor Brooking put West Ham in front with a diving header.

Arsenal defender Chris Whyte added to his side's misery when he put through his own goal to make it 2-0 in the 70th minute. Geoff Pike netted the third two minutes from time before Whyte made some amends for his earlier error when he grabbed a consolation goal in the dying seconds.

Manchester United kept pace with the leaders thanks to goals by winger Arthur Graham and Tottenham's on-loan striker Garth Crooks, his first for the club.

Leicester's Alan Smith and Luton's Paul Walsh also scored

first division hat-tricks on Saturday.

Smith grabbed his three goals in a 20-minute first-half spell as struggling Leicester crushed bottom-placed Wolverhampton 3-1. Gary Lineker and Steve Lyness completed Leicester's romp.

Walsh completed his hat-trick with a last minute goal to seal Luton's 4-2 win at lowly Stoke, who sacked manager Richie Barker on Friday. Walsh opened the scoring after 20 minutes and added a second seven minutes later before Ray Daniel hit the third. Former Swansea striker James Reilly twice for Stoke.

Watford's George Reilly was ordered off during a 3-2 triumph over UEFA Cup quarter-finalists Nottingham Forest.

Reilly, who shot Watford 2-1 ahead in the 34th minute, was dismissed 22 minutes into the second half for a crutching tackle on Forest's Chris Fairclough.

Earlier, news signing Maurice Johnston, Watford's hat-trick hero last week, shot his side ahead after just five minutes before Gary Birtles equalised. Nigel Callaghan scored Watford's third before the break, with Birtles snatching Forest's second in the 49th minute.

Hamburg set their sights on World Championship glory

TOKYO (R) — West Germany's Hamburg, crowned European Soccer Champions in May, have a golden opportunity to restore their tarnished reputation when they tackle Gremio of Brazil for the World Club Championship in Tokyo on Sunday.

Hamburg, scaled, unexpected heights when, inspired by a wonderful goal from former West German international Felix Magath, they beat Juventus in last season's European Cup final in Athens.

But their reign was brief and far from distinguished. Having been awarded a first round bye this

year, they were unceremoniously dumped out of the competition by Dinamo Bucharest of Romania in the second round.

The title of World Champions would go a long way to erasing the memory of that embarrassing but the West Germans know history is firmly on the side of the Brazilians.

South America leads 13-8 overall and it is seven years since Europe's last success when Hamburg's fellow-West Germans Bayern Munich beat Cruzeiro of Brazil 2-1 over two legs.

That was West Germany's only previous triumph but Gremio will out to take the trophy back to Brazil for a fourth time, following Pele's unforgettable Santos (1962 and 1963) and Zico's Flamengo (1981).

Gremio earned their tilt at the World Championship by beating last year's winners Penarol of Uruguay 3-2 on aggregate, and, although they are not one of Brazil's glamour clubs, they did not make the long flight to Japan just to do some sightseeing.

Uruguayan captain Hugo de Leon is an inspirational figure in defence while talented midfielders China, Osvaldo and Paulo Cesar Lima provide the ammunition for

twin-strikers Renato and Tarciso.

The Brazilians have made no secret of the fact that Magath is the man they fear most, but they will not have to face attacking full-back Mami Kaitz or winger Juegen Mileski, both of whom will miss the game through injury.

With Horst Hrubesch now playing in Belgium with Standard Liege, there is a strange look about Hamburg and their confidence plunged further last weekend when they suffered an unexpected reverse in the Bundesliga.

A 2-1 defeat by Stuttgart brought an end to Hamburg's two-and-a-half-year unbeaten home record and emphasised the European Champions' shortcomings in front of goal.

Dieter Schatschneider and Thomas von Heesen are the men Hamburg look to for goals and if Gremio can put the shackles on them Hamburg may struggle.

The match, which is the fourth to be staged in Tokyo, will be televised or video-taped in 61 nations.

On the evidence of the three previous finals in Tokyo, the South Americans appear better equipped to adapt to the conditions.

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3 soldiers hurt as bomb explodes at London barracks guardroom

LONDON (R) — A bomb partly demolished the guardroom wall at a London army barracks early Saturday, injuring three soldiers, military spokesmen said.

Some 400 army personnel were evacuated from their quarters and police told about 20 civilian residents to leave their homes nearby in case there was another bomb. The casualties suffered minor injuries and shock, said a spokesman at the Royal Artillery Regiment barracks, in southeast London's Woolwich District.

An eyewitness said the bomb left a crater five metres wide. Some soldiers were at a Christmas

Party 300 metres from the blast. The 3:45 a.m. explosion shattered windows of shops, houses and parked cars over a radius of about 200 metres, police said.

One civilian said: "I was in bed and the explosion blew all the glass from my windows on to the bed. All the frames came out, too."

It was the first bomb attack on the armed forces in mainland Britain, since July 1982 when two

bombs planted by Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas in central London parks killed 11 solders.

Earlier, a series of Irish guerrilla bomb attacks in London in 1981 killed three people and injured 39.

The IRA planted a small bomb at Woolwich barracks two years ago, injuring two women, and in 1974 a bomb exploded in a crowded tavern opposite the same barracks, killing one man and injuring 26 people.

An unnamed man was arrested in northern Ireland and brought to London a week ago for questioning about the 1981 bombings, police said last Monday.

In Belfast two policemen were injured Friday night by a bomb which blew out the front of a derelict house in the Northern Ireland town of Armagh, near the Irish Republic's border, police sources said.

There was no immediate word of who was responsible.

On Thursday night bombs damaged five buildings in the nearby town of Newry.

Both towns have long been centres of conflict between Irish Republican guerrillas, claiming to represent the province's minority Roman Catholic community, and the Protestant majority, fiercely loyal to British rule.

Non-aligned, Western nations unanimous in condemning N.Korea

UNITED NATIONS (USIA) — North Korea was come in for heavy condemnation at the United Nations by both the non-aligned nations and Western countries for its October bombing in Burma that killed 21 persons, including 17 members of a visiting South Korean delegation.

The expressions of outrage and condemnation came during three days of discussion in the U.N.'s legal committee on international terrorism held from Dec. 6 till 8. The discussions preceded a finding by a Burmese court that two North Korean agents were guilty of the deed. Both were condemned to death.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a U.S. State Department official, when asked to comment on the U.N. discussions said, "the world was shocked" by the event.

"That shock," he added, "was reflected in the speeches made during the U.N. discussions." He noted that "some 29 non-aligned countries were among the 45 speakers criticising the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the attack."

"No one defended North Korea, including its allies," the U.S. official noted. "The representative of Burma," he added, "presented the conclusions of his government's investigation of the attack, which determined that the

North Korean army officers... had carried out the attack under the instructions of their government."

In an unusual display of unanimity among Third World and Western delegations, North Korea at the U.N. committee sessions was singled out by a majority of the countries for its "horrendous," "cowardly," and "unacceptable act" of international terrorism in Burma.

In a year in which the number of acts of terrorism is expected to exceed 800, delegates noted, the incident in Burma was singled out as "particularly repulsive" as no other incident in any part of the world.

Over 40 delegations condemned the North Korean attack in Rangoon against the visiting South Korean delegation led by President Chun Doo Hwan, and almost half supported the findings of the Burmese investigators that the North Korean government itself was responsible.

Costa Rican delegate Edwin Munoz pointed out that the act was deplorable not only because it violated the sovereignty of a third state, but also because it had been executed by a government.

Nigeria called the act "as cowardly as it was horrendous." Unofficially, A. A. Adegbenro added, "it is easier to condemn such acts than it is to avert them."

W. Germans begin U.S. missile base blockade

MUTLANGEN, West Germany (R) — About 2,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators began a protest Saturday outside a U.S. air force base here, expected to be sited as Pershing-2 missiles, the first of which arrived two weeks ago.

The organisers told reporters they planned to surround the base, near Stuttgart, and as five minutes to noon link hands in silence as a symbol of an impending nuclear catastrophe.

They planned to end their protest with a religious service outside Mutlangen and then form a human chain between the camp and the nearby medieval town of Schwäbisch Gmünd.

Police reported no early incidents.

West German and U.S. authorities have refused to say where the Pershings will be deployed but it is an open secret that they will be sited at Mutlangen and two camps nearby.

West Germany is one of five countries that said they would take new NATO nuclear weapons if Moscow refused to scrap its SS-20 rockets aimed at Western Europe.

Previous demonstrations at Mutlangen, one of three camps which the anti-nuclear protesters say will house the missiles, fizzled out. Either nothing moved from the base or police carried demonstrators off access roads to let military convoys through.

In a separate four-day action which began in Frankfurt Friday, police used water cannons to clear several hundred demonstrators away from a U.S. military camp believed to be the workplace of technicians from the Martin Marietta Company, which makes Pershing parts.

Police said they detained 204 people, most of whom were released later. Friday night only about 50 demonstrators were still braving miserable weather near the camp entrance.

Ortega ready to meet Bush

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega has said he would be willing to meet United States Vice-President George Bush in Buenos Aires as part of efforts to solve the conflict in Central America.

Mr. Ortega, in Argentina for Saturday's inauguration of President Raul Alfonsín, told reporters Friday night: "We believe we have the obligation to fight for peace, even if it means fighting for war."

"I am willing to meet Mr. Bush during my visit to Buenos Aires, where I also plan to meet with other Latin American presidents," he said. Mr. Bush is also attending the inauguration.

Mr. Ortega said on Thursday in Ecuador any U.S. invasion of his country would eventually be beaten. Nicaragua has repeatedly alleged that U.S.-backed right-wing rebels seeking to overthrow its government operate from Costa Rica and Honduras.

In Panama, a foreign ministry spokesman said Friday that talks set for later this month in Panama City to implement a Central American peace plan have been postponed until January.

A general agreement based on a widely approved peace plan was expected to have been signed at the Dec. 20-21 meeting.

4 squatters strip before Mona Lisa

PARIS (R) — Four squatters took off their clothes in front of the painting of the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum to protest about their expulsion from a squat, police said. The lady preserved her mysterious smile. But the museum keepers were not amused and called the police. Three of the demonstrators were arrested before they had time to dress, but the fourth managed to escape with his clothes under his arm.

New York bars wild to want pregnant women

NEW YORK (R) — Mayor Edward Koch has signed a law requiring New York City taverns to post signs warning women of the dangers of drinking while pregnant. The law, which will take effect in February, will require places where alcohol is sold to post prominent signs saying: "Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages can cause birth defects." Mayor Koch said the law had caused controversy with the national organization of women, which complained that it made the rights of unborn children superior to the rights of mothers. But Mayor Koch disagreed. The signs only give pregnant women the right to make an educated choice, he said.

Veteran Hollywood actor dies at 64

MODESTO, California (R) — Burt, slow-speaking character actor Slim Pickens, who switched from a rodeo rider to star of such films as "Dr. Strangelove" and "azing Saddles," died here Friday of pneumonia, family friends said. He was 64. Pickens had been in Modesto for some time and underwent an operation last December to remove a brain tumour. Pickens, born Louis Lindley, was probably best known for his role as bomber pilot Maj. T.J. "King" Kong in "Dr. Strangelove." One of the few actors who could drive a six-horse stagecoach team, he appeared in scores of Western films in the late 1940s. His later films included "The Great Locomotive Chase," "One-eyed Jacks," "Major Dundee," "Rough Night in Jericho" and "The Cowboys."

Hungarian chess grandmaster killed

LONDON (R) — Hungarian chess grandmaster János Flesch was killed in an car accident Friday in Ramsgate, south east England, and his wife died later of injuries, a chess colleague reported. Flesch, 50, author of a number of books on chess, claimed the world record for simultaneous play against 52 opponents while blindfold in Budapest in 1960. He was in England to compete in international tournaments and watch the world chess championship elimination semi-finals in London, in which his compatriot Zoltan Ribli is competing.

Ex-congressman sentenced to jail

WASHINGTON (R) — Former Congressman John Jenrette was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$21,000 on bribery charges. The South Carolina Democrat was one of seven members of Congress who were convicted in the FBI's 1980 "Abcam" undercover operation where agents, posing as Arab sheikhs and offered bribes to representatives and senators. He was freed on bail pending an appeal.

Africa destroys last smallpox virus

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The last smallpox virus in Africa was destroyed by the South African health minister at a high-security Johannesburg laboratory, health officials said. Until Friday the national institute of virology here was one of three laboratories where the virus was kept and studied. The virus is still held in the United States and the Soviet Union. Smallpox killed more than two million people before the World Health Organization announced in 1980 that the natural world was free of the deadly virus.

2 Indian guards killed

DHAKA (R) — Two members of the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) were hacked to death by villagers after they crossed illegally into Bangladesh's northern district of Kishina Friday, district officials said Saturday.

They claimed that five men of the force crossed the border, a small, silted river, on a cattle-raiding expedition.

Local commanders of the Bangladesh border guards and the BSF held a meeting following the incident and agreed to tighten measures against illegal crossings.

Walesa accepts Nobel Prize

OSLO (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Polish trade union Solidarity, said Saturday in a speech accepting the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize that millions of Polish workers associated with Solidarity felt greatly honoured by the prize.

His speech was delivered at the award ceremony in the old hall of Oslo University by his wife Danuta, who received the 1.5 million Swedish crown (\$192,000) prize on his behalf.

The 40-year-old union leader, who was interned for 11 months for his opposition campaign, declined to attend the prize ceremony in case he was not allowed to return to Poland.

In his brief speech, Mr. Walesa, who was honoured for his contribution to ensuring workers' rights to establish their own organisations, said people were aware of the reasons why he could not come to receive the award in person.

"On that solemn day my place is among those with whom I have grown and to whom I belong — the workers of Gdansk," he said.

Stressing the peaceful methods of Solidarity, Mr. Walesa said: "We are fighting for the right of the working people to association and for the dignity of human labour."

Presenting the prize to Mr. Walesa, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel committee Egil Aarvik said:

"Lech Walesa has made humanity bigger and more inviolable... it is the committee's opinion that he stands as an inspiration and a shining example to all those who, under different conditions, fight for freedom and humanity."

The Polish government has condemned the award as a politically motivated gesture by the West and Polish media were expected to ignore Saturday's ceremony.

ASEAN jurists probe human rights

JAKARTA (R) — A group of South East Asian jurists marked human rights day by criticising their governments for alleged violations and publishing a 26-page human rights declaration.

The regional council on human rights in Asia, a group of 22 jurists and other activists from Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore, expressed concern that the economic recession might make their governments — all members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) — become more repressive.

The council chairman, Indonesian lawyer Achmad Buyung Nasution, said after the group's first annual meeting that ASEAN countries suffered "unexplained disappearances, extra-legal executions, prolonged or indefinite detentions, exploitation of women, children and migrant workers, and oppression of minorities."

Filipino lawyer Jose Diokno, the council secretary-general, said 3,000 people had been executed without trial in the five countries over the past few years at a rough minimum estimate.

There were about 1,500 political prisoners in ASEAN, Mr. Diokno added, and the council intended to concentrate on campaigning for their release in the coming year.

Mr. Nasution has appealed to Indonesia's armed forces commander, Gen. Benny Murdani, to intervene to stop mystery killings which have claimed the lives of more than 2,000 criminal suspects in Indonesia over the past year in a campaign generally welcomed by the public.

Reagan urges defence of human rights

WASHINGTON (USIA) — President Reagan says Americans have the "responsibility to speak out against blatant affronts to human rights."

"We must and we will speak out against the incarceration of Soviet dissidents in the psychiatric wards, against the barbaric persecution of the members of the Baha'i faith in Iran, against the racial injustice of the apartheid system in South Africa and against the persecution of the Catholic Church and the Solidarity labour movement in Poland," Mr. Reagan said.

The president's remarks came as he signed a proclamation setting aside Dec. 10 as human rights day and Dec. 15 as bill of rights day in the United States.

At the United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, marking Saturday's 35th anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights, urged states to work harder to narrow the gap between the document's vision and present-day reality.

Alfonsín vows to change Argentine political map

By Robert Powell

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Raul Alfonsín, who took over as president of Argentina Saturday, has promised to consolidate its new-found democracy after 50 years of political instability.

The 57-year-old lawyer led his Radical Party to a landslide victory in elections on Oct. 30 on a pledge to respect the constitution and human rights while tackling acute economic problems.

A man of tremendous energy, his personal appeal and Social Democratic philosophy have succeeded in broadening the party's traditional power base among the middle class.

The election marked Argentina's return to democracy after nearly eight years of harsh military rule. Mr. Alfonsín inflicted a crushing defeat on the traditionally dominant Peronist Party.

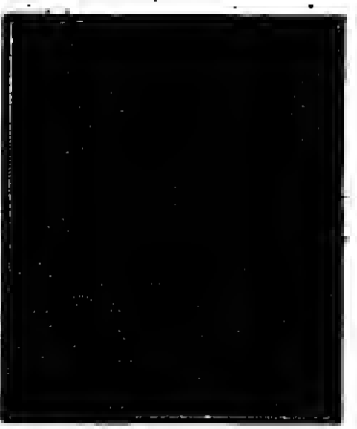
He promised "100 years of peace and prosperity" and an end to the cycle of weak civilian governments and military coups which has characterised Argentina since 1930.

Mr. Alfonsín was born the son of an affluent Spanish immigrant shopkeeper in Chascomus, a small town 120 kilometres south of Buenos Aires, on March 13, 1926.

He was educated at a military high school alongside several men who became top figures in the armed forces during the latest period of military rule.

But instead of following a career in the army, he studied law at Buenos Aires University, graduating in 1950. He returned to his home town and soon became deeply involved in politics.

A keen activist of the Radical Party since his teens, he became a deputy in the legislative assembly of Buenos Aires Province in 1952.



Raul Alfonsín

In 1963 he was elected a deputy aged only 26.

to the national parliament and two years later became president of the Radical Party in Buenos Aires Province, which contains half of Argentina's 24 million population.

Mr. Alfonsín founded the centre-left renovation and change faction of the party in 1972 and unsuccessfully challenged the incumbent Ricardo Balbin for the party leadership.

He opposed Mr. Balbin's policy of cooperation with the Peronists which relegated the Radical Party to being a permanent second force in national politics. He called for a more frontal opposition to Peronism and a campaign to recapture the Radical Party's mass appeal.

During the 1970s, he travelled widely in Latin America and Western Europe, developing close contacts with Social Democrats.

Along with other politicians, he was forced to suspend overt political activity after the 1976 coup which overthrew the elected government of Maria Estela Martinez de Peron.

When the armed forces announced Argentina's return to democracy last year following their defeat in the Falklands (Malvinas) conflict with Britain, Mr. Alfonsín was one of the first political leaders to step into the limelight.

Human rights stand

He rapidly became well known for his scathing attacks on military rule and his strong stand on human rights.

In December 1982 he struck an alliance with the Cordoba wing of the party and declared himself a candidate for the presidency. He toured the country tirelessly to campaign for social and economic progress based on a strict application of democracy, and accused several Peronist trade union leaders of making a pact with hard-line army officers.

Mr. Alfonsín has said one of his top priorities will be a reform of the trade unions to eliminate what he calls gangster tactics and make union leaders more accountable to their members.

In July, the renovation and change faction gained outright control of the Radical Party in internal elections and Mr. Alfonsín was formally proclaimed party leader.

He lost no time in starting his campaign and once again set off on a whistle-stop tour to the provinces.

The physical and mental strain showed in an increase in his habitually huge appetite and he gained 15 kilos in the two months before polling day.

He rises regularly at six a.m. and is rarely in bed before midnight. "Raul is as tough as a bull," says his personal doctor.

New York minorities allege police discrimination

By Arthur Spiegelman

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NEW YORK — Congressional hearings into alleged police brutality and racism in New York have sparked accusations that they are politically motivated and raised the ire of city Mayor Edward Koch to fever pitch.

As far as official New York is concerned, the hearings that began in July have been designed to trip Koch up when he seeks a third term in 1985.

The mayor has accused Congressman John Conyers of using his criminal justice subcommittee of the House of Representatives judiciary committee to single out New York for investigation at the instigation of Mayor Koch's political enemies.

For the six years Mr. Koch has been mayor, his most vocal critics have been black leaders claiming he ignores the needs of minorities comprising almost 45 per cent of the city.

It was a group of black New

York clergymen who approached Mr. Conyers, a black Detroit Democrat, and asked for the hearings into incidents of racism and brutality involving police officers.

New York's black political leaders make no bones that they are searching for a candidate to stand against Mr. Koch in 1985.

Of the four largest cities in the United States, New York is the only one without a black mayor and where no blacks hold city-wide office.

Among New York's 25 per cent black and 20 per cent hispanic population, there are many who believe their brethren are harassed and beaten by police because of the colour of their skin.

However, one city official said the police had been caught in the middle of a power struggle.

"What better issue can you have to gain media attention if you are black than to have a hearing on police brutality," he said.

The head of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the police union, stormed out of a heavily guarded committee hearing in

New York last week dubbing the inquiry a witchhunt.

But behind all the political bombast are genuine grievances.

Although officials have acknowledged that some racism exists in the 24,000-member police department, they deny that racism and brutality is systematic or widespread.

This was a charge made by Mr. Conyers at a hearing in September but later retracted at Mr. Koch's insistence.

At the September hearing, about 100 people gave evidence on some 98 incidents ranging from rudeness to alleged murder.

Five cases involved police outside New York and one-third happened before Mr. Koch took office.

More than half the incidents involved brushes between minority groups and white officers, 25 of them resulting in deaths. There were 17 allegations of unnecessary force being used.

The police said officers were threatened or a weapon used in 21

of the death cases and that no criminal wrongdoing was found against police in 96 per cent of cases.

Black policemen also gave evidence of confrontations with white officers, saying: "White police officers cannot tell the difference between black crooks and black cops."

Top police officers say the congressional investigation has ignored the difficulties faced by New York's police who yearly cope with more than 1,600 murders, 3,500 rapes, 100,000 robberies and 200,000 burglaries among other crimes.

Between 1978 and 1983, police say 29 officers were killed and 508 shot at, while 600,000 arrests were made.

City officials warn that regardless of the truth of the allegations, making police brutality a political issue could polarise the city.

Meanwhile, Mr. Conyers' committee has yet to decide whether to issue a report on New York, recommend new federal legislation or keep on inquiring.



4 squatters strip before Mona Lisa

PARIS (R) — Four squatters took off their clothes in front of the painting of the Mona Lisa in the Louvre Museum to protest about their expulsion from a squat, police said. The lady preserved her mysterious smile. But the museum keepers were not amused and called the police. Three of the demonstrators were arrested before they had time to dress, but the fourth managed to escape with his clothes under his arm.

New York bars wild to want pregnant women

NEW YORK (R) — Mayor Edward Koch has signed a law requiring New York City taverns to post signs warning women of the dangers of drinking while pregnant. The law, which will take effect in February, will require places where alcohol is sold to post prominent signs saying: "Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages can cause birth defects." Mayor Koch said the law had caused controversy with the national organization of women, which complained that it made the rights of unborn children superior to the rights of mothers. But Mayor Koch disagreed. The signs only give pregnant women the right to make an educated choice, he said.

Veteran Hollywood actor dies at 64

MODESTO, California (R) — Burt, slow-speaking character actor Slim Pickens, who switched from a rodeo rider to star of such films as "Dr. Strangelove" and "azing Saddles," died here Friday of pneumonia, family friends said. He was 64. Pickens had been in Modesto for some time and underwent an operation last December to remove a brain tumour. Pickens, born Louis Lindley, was probably best known for his role as bomber pilot Maj. T.J. "King" Kong in "Dr. Strangelove." One of the few actors who could drive a six-horse stagecoach team, he appeared in scores of Western films in the late 1940s. His later films included "The Great Locomotive Chase," "One-eyed Jacks," "Major Dundee," "Rough Night in Jericho" and "The Cowboys."

Hungarian chess grandmaster killed

LONDON (R) — Hungarian chess grandmaster János Flesch was killed in an car accident Friday in Ramsgate, south east England, and his wife died later of injuries, a chess colleague reported. Flesch, 50, author of a number of books on chess, claimed the world record for simultaneous play against 52 opponents while blindfold in Budapest in 1960. He was in England to compete in international tournaments and watch the world chess championship elimination semi-finals in London, in which his compatriot Zoltan Ribli is competing.

Ex-congressman sentenced to jail

WASHINGTON (R) — Former Congressman John Jenrette was sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$21,000 on bribery charges. The South Carolina Democrat was one of seven members of Congress who were convicted in the FBI's 1980 "Abcam" undercover operation where agents, posing as Arab sheikhs and offered bribes to representatives and senators. He was freed on bail pending an appeal.

Africa destroys last smallpox virus

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The last smallpox virus in Africa was destroyed by the South African health minister at a high-security Johannesburg laboratory, health officials said. Until Friday the national institute of virology here was one of three laboratories where the virus was kept and studied. The virus is still held in the United States and the Soviet Union. Smallpox killed more than two million people before the World Health Organization announced in 1980 that the natural world was free of the deadly virus.

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LOSE A LOSER, GAIN A TRICK

Both vulnerable. South deals.

<p>NORTH</p> <p>♠ K 8 5</p> <p>♥ Q 8 2</p> <p>♦ A 10 8</p> <p>♣ 10 8 7 6</p>	<p>EAST</p> <p>♠ 9 6 3 2</p> <p>♥ Void</p> <p>♦ K J 9 7 3</p> <p>♣ A K 9 2</p>
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WEST

♠ J 10 4

♥ J 10 7 4

♦ Q 5

♣ J 5 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q 7

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ 6 4 2

♣ Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

We are indebted to the sprightly British magazine, *Popular Bridge Monthly*, for this hand. It cropped up in the annual Brighton Spring Foursomes.

Four hearts was the contract at both tables. South had considerable playing strength, so he issued a game invitation by asking for help in diamonds. Since North had a key diamond honor as well as a maximum raise to two

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